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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Confidential Financial Information – Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. (Sierra Telephone), a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost support, has electronically submitted FCC Form 481 to the Commission with redacted financial data, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422.

As specified in the Protective Order issued on November 16, 2012 by the Commission, two copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION".

Please contact Linda Burton, Regulatory Manager, with any questions by telephone at 559-642-0229 or by E-mail at [lindab@stcg.net](mailto:lindab@stcg.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy A. Huber".

Cindy A. Huber  
Vice President Operations

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Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians  
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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481  
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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<015> Study Area Name	SIERRA TELEPHONE CO	
<020> Program Year	2014	Received & Inspected
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54213 Completion Required	54222 Completion Required
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<440> Fixed			
<450> Mobile			
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> <input type="text" value="542338ca510"/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <input type="text" value=""/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110> <input type="text" value=""/>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# (100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form

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STERRA TELEPHONE CO  
2014  
Linda Burton  
559-642-0229  
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?  
If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5  
year plan" filed with the FCC?

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.


<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  
<115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality  
<116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage  
<117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity  
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

542338ca920

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select (Yes, No, NA)
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers****Lifeline****Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

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Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☐
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☐

**(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation****Data Collection Form****Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers**

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lindab@stcg.net

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

&lt;2010&gt; 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))

&lt;2011&gt; 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))**

&lt;2012&gt; 2013 Frozen Support Certification

&lt;2013&gt; 2014 Frozen Support Certification

&lt;2014&gt; 2015 Frozen Support Certification

&lt;2015&gt; 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))**

&lt;2016&gt; Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))**

&lt;2017&gt; 3rd year Broadband Service Certification

&lt;2018&gt; 5th year Broadband Service Certification

&lt;2019&gt; Interim Progress Certification

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

&lt;2021&gt; Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation****Data Collection Form**

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(e) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**

(3010) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))  
Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3011) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))  
Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) if yes, does your company file the RUS annual report  
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3012) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)  
(3013) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows  
(3014) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation  
(3015) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?  
(3016) If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3017) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications  
(3018) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows  
(3019) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

(3020) If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:  
(3021) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers.

(3022) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant  
(3023) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.  
(3024) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows  
(3025) Attach the worksheet listing required information  
(3026) Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	SIERRA TELEPHONE CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 10/11/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Cindy Huber
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Vice President Operations
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	559-642-0209
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	542338 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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## Attachments



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Line Extension #	Date Initiated	Work Order Number	Date Cleared	Service Order Due Date	Service Order Completion Date	Service Type	Reason for Delay
8257	5/29/2012		5/31/2013				Customer has not placed firm order as of 10/1/2013.
8298	9/11/2012					ETS 100 Mbps	Waiting for USFS permit
8323	12/7/2012		2/26/2013	2/28/2013	2/28/2013	1 Res	New construction, held for Right of Way

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Line 510: Description of Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance for 54.313(a)(5) Certification

54.313(a)(5) Certification that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

The following statements describe Sierra Telephone's compliance with the CPUC and FCC requirements for service quality standards and consumer protection.

Service Quality Standards

Sierra Telephone complies with the service standards of the CPUC General Order 133-C, Rules Governing Telecommunications Services – Service Quality, and CPUC General Order 168, Market Rules to Empower Consumers and to Prevent Fraud – Consumer Protection, and related orders of the CPUC.

Consumer Protection

Sierra Telephone complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flags Rule to prevent identity theft. Sierra Telephone has adopted CPNI and Red Flags Rule procedures, training, recordkeeping, and supervisory reviews.

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Line 610: Functionality in Emergency Situations for 54.313(a)(6) Certification

54.313(a)(6) Certification that the carrier is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)

The following provides information that Sierra Telephone is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2).

Back-up Power

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Line 920: Tribal Land Offerings for 54.313(a)(9)(i-v) for Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California (Chukchansi)

Chukchansi Tribal Lands are located in many areas of Sierra Telephone's service territory. These areas have always been served in conjunction with telecommunications and broadband service provided to all of Sierra Telephone's customers.

Approximately 10 years ago, the Chukchansi Tribe established a large resort casino, the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino, in Coarsegold, California. Sierra Telephone worked closely with Chukchansi representatives to engineer, build, and provide the telecommunications and broadband services needed to support this large project. Sierra Telephone and its affiliates continue to work to assess, anticipate, and deploy services for the Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino, Tribal businesses, Tribal agencies, and Tribal residential locations.

During this reporting period (January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012) business contacts were made and planning discussions were held with Chukchansi Tribal Government leaders and representatives by Sierra Telephone's staff and decision-makers. Meetings and discussions later in 2012 were more challenging due to legal disputes among factions of the Tribe related to Tribal Government authority.

A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

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4.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

4.1.1 APPLICABILITY

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Applicable to eligible residence customers for Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS), also known as California LifeLine Service, furnished pursuant to the Moore Universal Telephone Service Act, the Federal Lifeline Program, and the Federal Enhanced Lifeline and Federal Tribal Link-Up Programs for eligible residents of Tribal lands. Eligible residents of Tribal lands consist of qualifying low-income consumers residing on Tribal lands, and in accordance with General Order 153.

4.1.2 TERRITORY

Within the exchange area of all exchanges as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

4.2 RATES AND CHARGES\*

MONTHLY  
RATE

A. Access Line Service

1. Local Flat Rate Service

a. Individual Access Line	\$20.25	
Federal Lifeline Credit	-2.75	(R)
California Specific Support Credit	-11.39	(I)
California LifeLine One Party Flat Service	\$6.11	

\*The difference between the rates and charges in this schedule and the regular tariffed rates and charges is recovered from the California ULTS Fund, the Federal Lifeline Program, and the Federal Tribal Link-Up Program.

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4.2 RATES AND CHARGES\* - Continued

	MONTHLY RATE
A. Access Line Service - Continued	
1. Local Flat Rate Service - Continued	
b. Two-Party** Access Line	\$16.00
Federal Lifeline Credit	-2.75
California Specific Support Credit	-10.02
California LifeLine Two Party Flat Service	3.23
c. Qualifying residents of Tribal Lands	
Individual Access Line	20.25
Federal Lifeline Credit	-2.75
Federal Enhanced Lifeline Credit	-17.50
Enhanced Lifeline One Party Flat Service	0.00***
2. Toll Blocking/Toll Restriction	No Charge
3. F.C.C. Subscriber Line Charge****	6.50
Federal Subscriber Line Lifeline Credit	-6.50
	No Charge

(I)  
(D)

\*The difference between the rates and charges in this schedule and the regular tariffed rates and charges is recovered from the California ULTS Fund, the Federal Lifeline Program, and the Federal Tribal Link-Up Program.

\*\*Grandfathered/Frozen service effective October 27, 2010. See Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, General Regulations, 2.1.2.A.

\*\*\*Rates include changes required by the Federal Communications Commission Wireline Competition (WC) Docket No. 11-42, In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, as adopted by F.C.C. Order No. 12-11, effective May 1, 2012.

\*\*\*\*The Subscriber Line Charge is located in National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff FCC No. 5 Section 17.1.2.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.2 RATES AND CHARGES - Continued

NON-RECURRING  
CHARGE

B. Service Connection and  
Change/Conversion Charges\*  
- Applicable to all grades of service

1. Each Connection of ULTS Primary Residence  
Access Line\*

a. New Service Connection - Non-Tribal Customer (T)

(1) Service Order Charge (SOC)	\$18.75	
State SOC LifeLine Credit	-9.38	(T)
(2) Network Access Charge (NAC)	28.00	
State NAC LifeLine Credit	-28.00	(T)
ULTS Service Connection** Charge	9.37	

b. New Service Connection - Eligible Resident of Tribal Land (N)

(1) Service Order Charge (SOC)	\$18.75		
Federal SOC LifeLine Credit	-18.75	(I)	
(2) Network Access Charge (NAC)	28.00		
Federal NAC LifeLine Credit	-14.00		
State NAC LifeLine Credit	-14.00		
Tribal Link-Up Service Connection*** Charge	0.00	(R)	(N)

c. Service Reconnection\*\*\*\* Same Location (T)

(1) Service Order Charge (SOC)	\$9.37		(L)
(2) Network Access Charge (NAC)	14.00		
State NAC LifeLine Credit	-14.00		
ULTS Service Connection** Charge	9.37		(L)

\*Subject to limitations as set forth in Special Conditions 4.3.F following.

\*\*In accordance with General Order 153, the ULTS connection charge and the ULTS conversion charge shall equal the lower of (i) \$10.00 or (ii) 50% of the utility's regular tariffed service connection or service conversion charge for the installation or conversion of a single residential telephone connection. There shall be no limit to the number of times that a ULTS customer may pay the non-recurring ULTS charge for service conversion.

\*\*\*See Special Condition 4.3.B. for Federal Tribal Link-Up qualification requirements.

\*\*\*\*See Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A18, Multi-Element Service Charges, 18.2 A and 18.2.B for the rules applicable to SOC and NAC charges for service reconnections.

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4.2 RATES AND CHARGES - Continued

NON-RECURRING  
CHARGE

B. Service Connection and  
Change/Conversion Charges\*

- Applicable to all grades of service - Continued

1. Each Connection of ULTS Primary Residence  
Access Line\* - Continued

d. Service Reconnection\*\* Same Location

(1) Service Order Charge (SOC) \$18.75

State SOC LifeLine Credit -9.38 (T)

(2) Network Access Charge (NAC) 28.00

State NAC LifeLine Credit -28.00

ULTS Service Connection\*\*\* Charge 9.37 (L)

2. Change/conversion in class, type, or  
grade of service\* to connect to ULTS

a. Each change/conversion

(1) LifeLine service order charge \$10.00

State SOC LifeLine Credit -0.63

ULTS Change/Conversion\*\*\* Charge 9.37

b. Each change to add or remove  
toll restriction

Service Order Charge

No Charge

\*Subject to limitations as set forth in Special Conditions 4.3.F following.

\*\*See Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A18, Multi-Element Service Charges, 18.2 A and 18.2.B  
for the rules applicable to SOC and NAC charges for service reconnections.

\*\*\*In accordance with General Order 153, the ULTS connection charge and the ULTS  
conversion charge shall equal the lower of (i) \$10.00 or (ii) 50% of the utility's regular  
tariffed service connection or service conversion charge for the installation or conversion  
of a single residential telephone connection. There shall be no limit to the number of  
times that a ULTS customer may pay the non-recurring ULTS charge for service  
conversion.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.2 RATES AND CHARGES – Continued

MONTHLY  
RATE

C. Surcharges

No Charge

Rates 4.2.A. and B. preceding are exempt from  
the following surcharges:

California High Cost Fund (CHCF)-A Surcharge  
CHCF-B Surcharge  
California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)  
California Teleconnect Fund Surcharge  
California Relay Service and Communications Device  
Fund Surcharge  
ULTS Surcharge  
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) User Fee

(N)

D. Deposits\*

1. A deposit is not required to initiate ULTS service.
2. A deposit may be required to maintain basic service  
if the customer no longer qualifies for ULTS.
3. A deposit may be required for non-ULTS service(s).

\* Subject to limitations as set forth in Special Conditions 4.3.H. 1. through 4. following.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residence customers who meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. The residence at which the service is requested is the customer's principal place of residence in California. An applicant for ULTS may report only one address in this state as his/her principal place of residence.

A residence as defined in General Order 153, Section 2.45 is that portion of an individual house, building, flat or apartment (a dwelling unit) occupied entirely by a single family or individual functioning as one domestic establishment. A room or portion of a dwelling unit occupied exclusively by an individual not sharing equally as a member of the domestic establishment may be considered a separate residence for the application of ULTS.

2. The customer and the members of the customer's household collectively have one, and only one, ULTS line, except as provided for in accordance with General Order 153, Sections 5.1.8 and 5.1.9.
3. The customer's eligibility meets either the income-based criterion or the program-based criterion.
4. Income-Based Limits and Requirements

Income-based criterion allows a customer to enroll in ULTS based on his/her household income, i.e. members of the customer's household collectively earn no more than the following amount of annual income:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>ULTS</u> <u>Income Limits</u> <u>Effective 6/1/13-5/31/14</u>		(T)
1,2		\$25,100	(I)
3		29,300	
4		35,400	
Each Additional Member		6,100	(I)

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

A. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residence customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: - Continued

4. Income-Based Limits and Requirements - Continued

- a. The income used to determine eligibility for the ULTS program shall be based on total household income, defined in General Order 153, Section 2.5.7, as all revenues, from all household members, from whatever source derived, whether taxable or non-taxable, including, but not limited to: wages, salaries, interest, dividends, spousal support and child support, grants, gifts, allowances, stipends, public assistance payments, social security and pensions, rental income, income from self-employment and cash payments from other sources, and all employment-related, non-cash income. (T) (D)
- b. For households with self-employed members, the "income from self-employment" shown on IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, Line 29 shall be used in the determination of whether a household is eligible to participate in the ULTS program.
- c. Borrowed money shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program.
- d. Funds transferred from one account to another, such as from a savings account to a checking account, shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program, even if such funds are used for living expenses.
- e. The customer must provide income documentation substantiating his/her household income. Acceptable income documents are:
  - (1) Prior year's state, federal, or tribal tax return
  - (2) Current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub for three consecutive months worth of the same type of statements within the last 12 months
  - (3) Statements of benefits from Social Security, Veteran's Administration
  - (4) Statement of benefits from retirement/pension, Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation
  - (5) A divorce decree
  - (6) Child support document
  - (7) Other official documents

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

A. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residence customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: - Continued

5. Program-based criterion allows a customer to enroll in ULTS based on the customer's or a member of the household's participation in any of the means-tested programs approved by the Commission. Approved means-test programs are:

- a. Medicaid or Medi-Cal
- b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Formerly known as Food Stamps (T)
- c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- d. Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- e. Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- f. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
Also known in California as:  
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility For Kids (CalWORKs)  
Stanislaus Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (StanWORKs)  
Welfare to Work (WTW)  
Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)
- g. National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- h. Tribal TANF
- i. Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- j. Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
- k. Healthy Families Category A
- l. Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

6. No person who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return shall be eligible for ULTS.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

A. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residence customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: - Continued

7. A household shall be eligible to receive two ULTS lines if:

- a. The household meets all ULTS eligibility criteria set forth in 4.3.A.1. through 4.3.A.6. preceding, (T)
- b. The household has a disabled member who has immediate and continuous access within the household to a teletypewriter (TTY) device or a 2-line CapTel device which is a functional equivalent of a TTY device, and (T)
- c. The TTY or a 2-line CapTel device is issued by the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP) or a medical certificate indicating the household member's need for a TTY or a 2-line CapTel device is submitted. (T)

8. All ULTS rules and regulations that apply to the one ULTS line shall apply equally to the second ULTS line provided to a household.

9. A customer denied ULTS eligibility for not being a member of a program listed in 4.3.A.5 following, who can demonstrate membership in a county-equivalent means-test program can appeal the denial decision with the Commission Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB).

10. Customers will incur regular tariff rates and charges until completion of the ULTS certification process.

11. Customers will be converted to ULTS service upon the Utility receiving confirmation of the customer's eligibility from the Commission or California LifeLine administrator.

12. Once certified, the Utility will apply the ULTS discount to the customer's next bill retroactively to the application date and if the net credit is at least \$10.00, the customer may request a refund check from the Utility.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

A. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to all residence customers who meet the following eligibility requirements: - Continued

13. Customers that verbally certify they meet the ULTS income limits and have proof of income, or participate in an approved public program will receive a certification form in the mail from the Commission's certifying agent for completion and submission.
14. The completed certification form must be returned and received by the Commission's certifying agent by the due date indicated on the form.
15. Any customer who fails to return the ULTS form or otherwise qualify for ULTS by the certification date shall have their application rejected.
16. The Utility shall not knowingly enroll a customer into the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria and the Utility shall not knowingly allow a customer to remain in the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria.
17. The Utility shall not link the availability of discounted phone service under the ULTS program with the sale of non-ULTS services.
18. The Utility must inform the customer that he or she may opt to receive the instruction form for completing the certification form in Braille (English Only), or the instructions and the form in large print.
19. If a customer has previously been certified while participating in the program with another carrier and subsequently changes carriers, while maintaining eligibility in all other respects, the customer shall not be required to go through the certification process as long as the change of carriers occurs within a 30-day period. If a customer changes his or her principle place of residence, while maintaining eligibility in all other respects, the customer shall not be required to go through the certification process as long as the change of residence is within a 30-day period.
20. LifeLine service is a non-transferrable benefit. An eligible LifeLine customer may not transfer his or her telephone service to anyone.
21. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R §54.410(d), an applicant applying for discounts from the Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (California LifeLine) program must provide his or her date of birth and the last four digits of his or her SSN on the Application Form provided by the California LifeLine Administrator.

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**A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE**

**4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued**

**B. Federal Enhanced Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up Benefits and Qualification Requirements for Federally-Designated Tribal Lands**

**1. Description**

The following Enhanced Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up program benefits and qualification standards apply to all eligible residents of Tribal lands, which consist of qualifying low-income consumers residing on Tribal lands. The term "Tribal lands" means any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, Pueblo, Colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma, Alaska Native regions established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688); Indian allotments; Hawaiian Home Lands, as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, part 54 section 54.400, and any off reservation lands designated as Tribal lands by the Federal Communications Commission Wireline Competition Bureau and the Office of Native Affairs and Policy.

**2. Qualifications**

In addition to the qualification standards set out in Section 4.3.A preceding for Enhanced Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up program participants, eligible residents of Tribal lands, which consists of low-income consumers residing on Tribal lands, may qualify for these programs if they participate in any one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Those who qualify under the provisions of this paragraph must provide written certification of such qualification under penalty of perjury and must further agree to notify the Company if the customer ceases to participate in the program or programs.

**3. Lifeline and Link-Up Benefits**

Additional federal Enhanced Lifeline support of up to \$25.00 will be applied to the monthly local service rate, not to exceed the sum of the monthly local service rate, as shown in 4.2.A.1.a, preceding, inclusive of the federal End-User Common Line charge. Federal Tribal Link-Up support will be provided for a 100% reduction, up to \$100, of the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service for a single telecommunications connection at a Tribal lands customer's principal place of residence, including line extension charges. An eligible resident of Tribal lands may receive the benefit of the Tribal Link-Up program for a second or subsequent time only for otherwise qualifying commencement of telecommunications service at a principal place of residence with an address different from the address for which Tribal Link-Up assistance was provided previously.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

- C. ULTS is available to eligible customers subscribing to the flat rate residence individual and two-party\* line service. (T)
- D. All ULTS customers are entitled to receive every one of the service elements of ULTS, and every utility is required to offer all of the service elements of ULTS to each of its ULTS customers. The service elements of ULTS are as follows:
1. Access to (a) single party local exchange service, or (b) service that is equivalent, in all substantial respects, to single party local exchange service.
  2. Access to all interexchange carriers offering service in the ULTS customer's local exchange.
  3. Ability to place calls.
  4. Ability to receive free unlimited incoming calls.
  5. Free touch-tone dialing.
  6. Free unlimited access to 9-1-1/E9-1-1.
  7. Access to local directory assistance (DA). Each utility shall offer to its ULTS customers the same number of free DA calls that the utility provides to its non-ULTS residential customers.
  8. Access to foreign Numbering Plan Areas.
  9. ULTS rates and charges.
  10. Customer choice of flat-rate local service or measured-rate local service. The 17 smaller LECs identified in D.96-10-066 do not have to offer ULTS customers the choice of flat or measured-rate local service, unless the smaller LEC offers this option to its non-ULTS residential customers.
  11. Free provision of one directory listing per year as provided for in Decision No. 96-02-072.
  12. Free white pages telephone directory.
  13. Access to operator service.
  14. Voice grade connection to the public switched telephone network.
  15. Free access to 800 or 800-like toll-free services.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

D. All ULTS customers are entitled to receive every one of the service elements of ULTS, and every utility is required to offer all of the service elements of ULTS to each of its ULTS customers. The service elements of ULTS are as follows: -  
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16. Access to telephone relay services as provided for in Pub. Util. Code § 2881 et seq.
17. Toll-free access to customer service for information about ULTS, service activation, service termination, service repair, and bill inquiries.
18. Toll-free access to customer service representatives fluent in the same language (English and non-English) in which ULTS was originally sold.
19. Free access to toll-blocking service.
20. Free access to toll-control service, but only if (a) the utility is capable of offering toll-control service, and (b) the ULTS customer has no unpaid bill for toll service.
21. Access to two residential telephone lines if a low-income household with a disabled person requires both lines to access ULTS.
22. Free access to the California Relay Service via the 7-1-1 abbreviated dialing code.

E. ULTS is restricted to residence local exchange service including all applicable extended area service. Foreign Exchange Services are excluded from this offering.

F. Discounted Non-Recurring Charges

1. Service Connection Charge

- a. The ULTS connection charge is applicable to all qualifying households residing at the same address.
- b. The ULTS connection charge is applicable at any time a qualifying household:
  - (1) establishes ULTS,
  - (2) re-establishes ULTS at the same residence at which ULTS was previously provided, regardless of reason for disconnect,
  - (3) establishes ULTS at a new principal place of residence, or
  - (4) switches ULTS from one ULTS Provider to another.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

F. Discounted Non-Recurring Charges - Continued

1. Service Connection Charge - Continued

- c. Utilities may not impose a "central office charge" in addition to the ULTS connection charge when installing ULTS.
- d. Installation of a second and subsequent telephone service connections shall be subject to the Utility's regular tariffed rates for these connections, except that low-income households with a disabled member may qualify for ULTS connection charges on two residential telephone connections.

2. Service Change/Conversion Charge

The ULTS change/conversion charge is applicable each time a ULTS customer requests a change in the class (business or residential to ULTS), type (measured to flat rate service or vice versa), or grade of service (one to two party\* service or vice versa) including requests to change from Foreign Exchange Service. There is no limit on the number of times a ULTS customer may pay the ULTS change/conversion charge to effect a change in the class, type or grade of service. The discounted charge excludes adding services not covered under the ULTS program.

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- a. No conversion charge may be assessed on an applicant or claimed from the ULTS fund if a customer fails to qualify for ULTS.
- b. No conversion charge can be assessed on a customer or claimed from the ULTS fund if a customer is removed from the ULTS program (either voluntarily or involuntarily).

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4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

G. Eligible recipients of this service may have up to 12 months to pay the Utility for the reduced Service Connection Charges. The Utility will bill the customer in 12 equal installments.

H. Deposits

1. Establishment of Credit – ULTS Residence Applicants

a. For Basic Service:

A deposit is not required from ULTS customers to establish credit for basic service, as defined in California Public Utilities Commission Decision 96-10-066, Appendix B, page 5.

b. For Non-Basic Service(s):

Each applicant will be required to establish credit for non-basic services in accordance with Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, Rule 6, Establishment of Credit for Residence Service, Section B. The Utility may elect to offer toll blocking/toll restriction to the applicant in lieu of requiring a deposit for non-basic toll service(s) as prescribed in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, Rule 7, Deposits.

2. Re-Establishment of Credit – ULTS Residence Applicants

a. For Basic Service:

A deposit is not required from ULTS customers to re-establish credit for basic service, as defined in California Public Utilities Commission Decision 96-10-066, Appendix B, page 5.

b. For Non-Basic Service(s):

A customer or applicant whose service has been discontinued for non-payment of bills will be required to re-establish credit in accordance with Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, Rule 6, Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit. The Utility may elect to offer toll blocking/toll restriction to the applicant or customer in lieu of requiring a deposit for non-basic toll service(s) as prescribed in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, Rule 7, Deposits.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

H. Deposits - Continued

3. Service Reinstatement

The Utility may require a ULTS customer to pay any overdue basic ULTS rates and charges, or make payment arrangements, before ULTS is reinstated to a ULTS customer's line at the same address or new address.

4. Other than previously stated, establishment or re-establishment of credit shall be in accordance with Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, Rule 6, Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit.

- I. Any payment received from ULTS customers will be applied first to the balance due on deniable local service non-recurring and recurring charges, including mandated surcharges and taxes, and the remaining amount will be applied to long distance/toll service and other charges at the Utility's discretion, unless the customer directs otherwise.

Disconnection of ULTS service is prohibited for non-payment of toll charges.

Other than stated above, ULTS service shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Schedule Cal. P.U.C. A2, Rule 11, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service.

- J. Customers who wish to re-establish ULTS service after removal from the program will be treated as a new customer, subject to the Commission's enrollment and certification process. A Service Order Charge as shown in Rates 4.2. B.1.a, B.1.b, B.1.c, or B.2.a. is applicable. The ULTS discount will not be applied retroactively to the date of removal.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

- K. Each ULTS customer is subject to the annual verification process. The certifying agent will qualify new ULTS customers and verify the continued eligibility of existing ULTS customers. (T)

Any ULTS customer who fails to qualify for continued ULTS eligibility and/or fails to return the completed verification form by date specified by the certifying agent shall be removed from the ULTS program.

Upon notification from the certifying agent, the Utility shall convert the customer to regular residential service starting with the removal date provided by the certifying agent. Service Connection Charges will not apply to the change in service. The Utility may require service deposits, if applicable.

- L. Recipients of ULTS service must notify the Utility of a change in any condition which occurs that would cause the household to no longer qualify for ULTS and/or a second ULTS line. (T)

Upon receipt of notification, the Utility will change the ULTS service to regular tariffed rates for the service furnished. Service Connection Charges will not apply to the change in service. The Utility may require service deposits, if applicable.

- M. The Commission or the Commission's agent may audit and verify a customer's eligibility to participate in the ULTS program. Any customer who is found to be ineligible to participate in the ULTS program shall be removed from the ULTS program.

Upon notification from the Commission or the Commission's agent, the Utility shall convert the customer to regular residential service starting with the removal date provided by the certifying agent. Service Connection Charges will not apply to the change in service. The Utility may require service deposits, if applicable.

The Commission or the Commission's agent may bill the ineligible customer for any ULTS discounts that the customer should not have received for the period covered by the audit, plus interest equal to the 3-month commercial paper rate.

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A4. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE

4.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

- N. The Utility will annually mail to all residence customers, other than customers of ULTS, foreign exchange or farmer lines, a notice that contains information about the availability, terms, and conditions of ULTS.
- O. In addition to the rates and conditions specified herein, all rules, regulations, charges, and rates in conjunction with the services furnished elsewhere in the tariffs are also applicable to the service provided under this schedule.
- P. Optional services and equipment are not included in ULTS rates, but will be provided to ULTS customers at applicable tariff rates and charges.
- Q. ULTS rates shall be applied to each monthly statement for the months this service is furnished and shall apply only for the duration of this service.
- R. Each ULTS customer shall be eligible for one or two ULTS lines as set forth in General Order 153, and ULTS customers may subscribe to additional non-ULTS lines. Non-ULTS lines will be available to ULTS customers at the applicable regular tariffed rates and charges.
- S. The Utility will send a confirmation notice to all ULTS applicants informing them of the arrival of Application Forms from the California LifeLine Administrator and the requirement to return the completed forms with all required documentation. The notice will also inform them that failure to return all of the required documentation by the deadline date will result in denial of LifeLine service.

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<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> -Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	<b>PERIOD ENDING</b> December, 2011
<b>BORROWER DESIGNATION</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>	

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2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
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b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
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4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
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b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
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13. Nonregulated Investments			<b>OTHER LIAB. &amp; DEF. CREDITS</b>		
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15. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
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<b>PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT</b>			<b>EQUITY</b>		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed		
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
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			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

Total Equity =            % of Total Assets

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<b>PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS</b>			
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR	
1. Local Network Services Revenues			
2. Network Access Services Revenues			
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues			
5. Miscellaneous Revenues			
6. Uncollectible Revenues			
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)			
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense			
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)			
10. Depreciation Expense			
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense			
13. Corporate Operations Expense			
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)			
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)			
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes			
18. Federal Income Taxes			
19. Other Taxes			
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)			
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)			
22. Interest on Funded Debt			
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense			
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction			
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)			
27. Nonoperating Net Income			
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income			
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)			
32. Total Taxes Based on Income			
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year			
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)			
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]			
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)			
44. Annual Debt Service Payments			
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]			
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]			
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]			
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]			

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<p><b>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, &amp; HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</b></p>							
	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Coarsegold							
Mariposa							
Raymond							
Coarsegold							
Coarsegold							
Coarsegold							
Coarsegold							
Coarsegold							
Coarsegold							
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							

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<p><b>Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, &amp; HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION</b></p>								
<p><b>4. BROADBAND SERVICE</b></p>								
<p><b>Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service</b></p>								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Coarsegold								
Mariposa								
Raymond								
Coarsegold								
Coarsegold								
Coarsegold								
Coarsegold								
Coarsegold								
Total								

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2															
<b>PART D. SYSTEM DATA</b>															
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile											
<b>PART E. TOLL DATA</b>															
1. Study Area ID Code(s)  a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Interstate:</td> <td style="width: 30%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Average Schedule</td> <td style="width: 10%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;">Cost Basis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intrastate:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: black;"></td> <td>Average Schedule</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: black;"></td> <td>Cost Basis</td> </tr> </table>				Interstate:		Average Schedule		Cost Basis	Intrastate:		Average Schedule		Cost Basis
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Intrastate:		Average Schedule		Cost Basis											
<b>PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR</b>															
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended															
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended															
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval															
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended															
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)															
6. Salvaged Materials															
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction															
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)															
<b>PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES</b>															
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>  (a)	<b>CURRENT YEAR DATA</b>		<b>CUMULATIVE DATA</b>												
	Investment This Year	Income/Loss This Year	Cumulative Investment To Date	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date	Current Balance										
	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)										
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development															
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development															

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<b>PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES</b>	
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one) <div style="float: right; margin-top: -15px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO                 </div>	
EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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<b>PART I - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
<b>1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>2. Net Income</b>		
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
<b>3. Add: Depreciation</b>		
<b>4. Add: Amortization</b>		
<b>5. Other (Explain)</b> [REDACTED]		
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
<b>6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable</b>		
<b>7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory</b>		
<b>8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges</b>		
<b>9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets</b>		
<b>10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable</b>		
<b>11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings &amp; Payments</b>		
<b>12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable</b>		
<b>15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable</b>		
<b>16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits</b>		
<b>17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)</b>		
<b>18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities &amp; Deferred Credits</b>		
<b>19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates &amp; Other Capital</b>		
<b>20. Less: Payment of Dividends</b>		
<b>21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired</b>		
<b>22. Other (Explain)</b> [REDACTED]		
<b>23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities</b>		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant &amp; Equipment)</b>		
<b>25. Other Long-Term Investments</b>		
<b>26. Other Noncurrent Assets &amp; Jurisdictional Differences</b>		
<b>27. Other (Explain)</b> [REDACTED]		
<b>28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities</b>		
<b>29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>		
<b>30. Ending Cash</b>		

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Total Equity = [REDACTED] % of Total Assets

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<p><b>PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS</b></p>		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION							
EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1	R-1	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL (including fiber)	FIBER
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)
COARSEGOLD							
MARIPOSA							
RAYMOND							
MobileWireless							
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area							
Total							
No. Exchanges							


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<p><b>4. BROADBAND SERVICE</b></p>									
<p><b>Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service</b></p>									
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)	
COARSEGOLD									
MARIPOSA									
RAYMOND									
Total									

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INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2											
PART D. SYSTEM DATA											
1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile							
PART E. TOLL DATA											
1. Study Area ID Code(s)  a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____		2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one)  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Interstate:</td> <td style="width: 20%; border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Average Schedule</td> <td style="width: 40%; border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Cost Basis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intrastate:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Average Schedule</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Cost Basis</td> </tr> </table>				Interstate:	Average Schedule	Cost Basis	Intrastate:	Average Schedule	Cost Basis
Interstate:	Average Schedule	Cost Basis									
Intrastate:	Average Schedule	Cost Basis									
PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR											
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended											
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended											
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval											
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended											
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)											
6. Salvaged Materials											
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction											
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)											
PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES											
INVESTMENTS  (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA								
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)						
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development											
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development											

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<b>PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES</b>	
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one) <div style="float: right; margin-top: -15px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES    <input type="checkbox"/> NO                 </div>	
<b>EQUIPMENT CATEGORY</b>	<b>DEPRECIATION RATE</b>
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	

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<b>PART I - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
2.	Net Income	
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3.	Add: Depreciation	
4.	Add: Amortization	
5.	Other (Explain)	
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22.	Other (Explain)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27.	Other (Explain)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30.	Ending Cash	

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S RUS MANAGEMENT LETTER**

To the Board of Directors  
**Sierra Telephone Company, Inc.**

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COMMENTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC RUS LOAN AND  
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COMMENTS ON OTHER ADDITIONAL MATTERS

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